

Glossary

Crinkled: A fabric with an uneven surface, mostly created by use of chemicals that cause it to shrink unevenly

Drape: The ability of a fabric to hang in graceful folds, for example, the smooth folds of a curtain or skirt

Eye: The part of the needle that carries the thread to keep forming stitches.

Faggoting: Embroidery produced by pulling out horizontal threads from a fabric and tying the remaining cross threads into groups.

Fray: The wearing out of the fabric at the edges due to friction or constant rubbing

Fringe: A decorative edge made of hanging strings of thread or fabric

Lustrous: Having lustre or shine

Mercerisation: A process of treating a cotton yarn or fabric, which results in an increased lustre on the surface of the fabric, softness, strength, and increased affinity for dyes and waterborne finishes

Oblique even-sized stitches: Equal-sized stitches which are created on a fabric, slanting or declining from the vertical and horizontal surface or line.

Ornate embroidery: A heavily, elaborated thread work

Outline: A line enclosing or indicating the shape of an object or marking the boundary of a sketch, diagram, design or figure.

Point: The part of the needle that makes the first contact with the fabric and is responsible for how the needle pierces the fabric.

Shaft: A part of the needle between the eye and the point. It is a suitable length for driving the eye and thread through the material.

Shimmery: Shine in such a way that the light seems to shake slightly and quickly.

Skein: A length of thread or yarn, loosely coiled and knotted

Smudge: A dirty mark of dry or wet media on a surface

Spun yarn: A yarn made by taking a group of short staple fibres, and twisting them together to form a single yarn, which is then used for weaving or knotting fabrics

Tassels: A bunch of loosely hanging threads or cords knotted at one end and attached for decoration of garments such as dupattas, scarves, kurtis, and home furnishing items

Tuft: A bunch or collection of threads held together at the base

Wear: (verb) Have (something) on one's body as clothing, decoration, or protection

(noun) Clothing suitable for a particular purpose, or of a particular type

